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SUBJECT: ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTES WITH UK AND FRG

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT UK HAS OFFERED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ZONES IN WHICH IT WILL FISH WITHIN THE 50 MILE LIMIT AND THE TOTAL ANNUAL CATCH FROM A PRESENT LIMIT OF APPROXIMATELY 130 THOUSAND TONS TO A NEW LIMIT OF 80-90 THOUSAND TONS IF GOI WILL RENEW THE GOI-UK FISHERIES AGREEMENT THAT EXPIRES NOVEMBER 13, 1975. ALSO THAT FRG HAS OFFERED TO REDUCE ITS CATCH CONSIDERABLY AND TO ELIMINATE FACTORY OR FREEZER SHIPS FROM WITHIN THE 50 MILE LIMIT IN RETURN FOR A FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND FRG WITHDRAWAL OF LANDING BAN OF ICELANDIC FISH IN FRG AND WITHDRAWAL OF EEC CONCESSION BLOCKAGE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND PRIMEMIN AND FONMIN FAVOR NEW AGREEMENT WHICH

WOULD PERMIT SOME FISHING BY UK AND FRG WITHIN 50 MILES, BUT FISHERIES MINISTER (IP MEMBER WHO VOTED AGAINST ORIGINAL UK AGREEMENT OF 1973) IS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO PERMISSION OF ANY FOREIGN FISHING WITHIN 50 MILES, AS IS THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE.

3. IT IS EXPECTED THAT GOI WILL SOON ANNOUNCE A UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF ITS FISHERIES ZONE (NOT ECONOMIC ZONE) TO 200 MILES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 13, 1975.

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